

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1-30. (Cancelled)

31. (New) A method of monitoring a remote entity, comprising:

designating a predetermined region for monitoring;

receiving information at a first location from the remote entity, wherein the information includes location information; and

determining whether the remote entity has approached the predetermined region; and

noting an exception based on the information received from the remote entity.

32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the predetermined region is a restricted region and the exception is noted if the remote entity approaches the restricted region.

33. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the predetermined region is a desired destination and the exception is noted if the remote entity does not approach the desired destination.

34. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein the desired destination is a client site.

35. (New) The method of claim 31, further comprising generating a report listing any exceptions generated from the remote entity.

36. (New) A method for exception reporting in a vehicle management system, comprising:

receiving data corresponding to a parameter of the vehicle;

determining whether the data corresponding to the parameter is outside a range of acceptable values; and

if the data corresponding to the parameter is outside a range of acceptable values, noting an exception.

37. (new) The method of claim 36, wherein the parameter comprises stationary time of the vehicle.

38. (New) The method of claim 36, wherein the parameter comprises a number of times the vehicle is within a predetermined proximity to a service center.

39. (New) The method of claim 36, wherein the parameter comprises a length of time the vehicle is in motion.

40. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the length of time the vehicle is in motion is referred to as windshield time.

41. (New) The method of claim 36, wherein the parameter comprises travel distance.

42. (New) The method of claim 36, wherein the parameter comprises vehicle speed.

43. (New) The method of claim 36, further comprising generating a report listing exceptions.

44. (New) The method of claim 36, wherein the data is generated by a location management system of the vehicle.

45. (New) The method of claim 44, wherein the location management system comprises a Global Positioning System.

46. (New) A method of monitoring a vehicle, comprising:
designating a predetermined region for monitoring;
determining location information of the vehicle;
determining whether the vehicle has approached the predetermined region; and

noting an exception based on a comparison of the location information and the predetermined region.

47. (New) The method of claim 46, wherein the predetermined region comprises a restricted region and the exception is noted if the location information is within a predetermined distance of the restricted region.

48. (New) The method of claim 46, wherein the predetermined region comprises a desired location and the exception is noted if the vehicle is beyond a predetermined distance from the desired location.

49. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the desired location comprises a client site.

50. (New) The method of claim 46, further comprising generating a report listing any exceptions generated from the remote entity.

51. (New) A vehicle monitoring system, comprising:
a receiver for receiving vehicle location information; and
a processor in communication with the receiver,

the processor programmed to perform a comparison of the vehicle location information to a predefined parameter and to note an exception based on the comparison.

52. (New) The vehicle monitoring system of claim 51, wherein the predefined parameter comprises a desired location and the exception comprises a state wherein the vehicle is beyond a predetermined distance from the desired location.

53. (New) The vehicle monitoring system of claim 51, wherein the predefined parameter comprises a restricted region and the exception comprises a state whereby the vehicle is within a predetermined distance of the restricted region.

54. (New) The vehicle monitoring system of claim 51, wherein the predefined parameter comprises a predetermined speed and the exception comprises a state whereby the vehicle is traveling at a speed greater than the predetermined speed.

55. (New) The vehicle monitoring system of claim 51, wherein the receiver comprises a Global Positioning System receiver.

56. (New) The vehicle monitoring system of claim 51, further comprising a report generator for generating reports listing any noted exception.

57. (New) The vehicle monitoring system of claim 51, wherein the receiver is in further communication with an ignition sensor.

58. (New) A vehicle monitoring system, comprising:
a receiver for receiving vehicle location information; and
a processor in communication with the receiver,
the processor programmed to determine the length of time the vehicle remains stationary,
compare the length of time the vehicle remains stationary to a predetermined stationary time, and
if the length of time the vehicle remains stationary is greater than or equal to the predetermined stationary time, then note an exception.